



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Thibeault, D. *et al.*) Art Unit: 1648
Serial No. : 10/650,585) Examiner: Mosher, Mary
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REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including March 24, 2005, together with the necessary fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.